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1. SUMMARY: STUDENTS SENT SECOND PROTEST DELEGATION TO JAPANESE EMBASSY (THIS TIME TO PROTEST SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRODUCTION) WHILE ANOTHER GROUP UNDER VETERAN GADFLY JULIUS USMAN REVISITED PLANNING AGENCY (BAPPENAS) AND REPORTEDLY SAID KIND THINGS ABOUT SELF-RELIANCE POLICIES OF THE LATE PRESIDENT SUKARNO. AUTHORITIES PROMPTLY ISSUED STATEMENT "APPEALING" TO STUDENTS TO CEASE ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT. END SUMMARY

2. DELEGATION OF NINE UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA LAW FACULTY
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STUDENTS VISITED JAPANESE EMBASSY DEC 1 TO PROTEST

JAPANESE MANUFACTURE OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER. SELF-STYLED "STUDENTS DEMAND" GROUP WAS RECEIVED BY PRESS SECRETARY YONEDA WHO ENGAGED IN WHAT JUDGING FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS WAS SPIRITED DIALOGUE. SPEAKING INDONESIAN, YONEDA POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN HIGH PRICE OF OIL SYNTHETIC CANNOT COMPETE WITH NATURAL AND IMPLIED THAT STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMICS LESS THAN PROFOUND. STUDENTS CARRIED POSTERS ARGUING THAT INDONESIA SHOULD CUT OFF OIL SUPPLIES UNLESS JAPANESE COOPERATE ON RUBBER. (ARRIVING FROM TOKYO ON FOLLOWING EVENING MALIK PROCLAIMED TO PRESS THAT ASEAN RUBBER MISSION HAD SUCCEEDED ALTHOUGH HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HAPPY OUTCOME WAS MORE A PRODUCT OF OIL PRICES THAN OF DIPLOMACY.) HE SAID THAT JAPANESE HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO KEEP ON DISCUSSING THE SYNTHETIC PROBLEM, AND NOTED THAT IF STUDENTS THOUGHT TALKS HAD FAILED THEY "MISUNDERSTOOD" THE SITUATION.

COMMENT: JAPANESE EMBASSY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE NOW RECEIVED TWO PEACEFUL PROTEST DELEGATIONS ARE STILL CONCERNED THAT THINGS MAY GET WORSE AND ARE ALSO WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE FURTHER RAMIFICATIONS OF NASTY DISPUTE AT JAPANESE COMMUNITY SCHOOL-(SEE REF A) WHICH THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN TRUMPED UP, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT KNOW BY WHOM.

3. ALSO ON DEC 1, ABOUT 30-40 YOUTHS TERMING SELVES "STUDENTS ACTION FOR OPPOSITION" AND LED BY FORMER KAPI (HIGH SCHOOL ACTION FRONT) CHAIRMAN JULIUS USMAN VISITED NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (BAPPENAS). USMAN TOLD BAPPENAS OFFICIAL THAT STUDENTS WOULD USE "ALL METHODS" TO GET GOI TO STOP SEEKING FOREIGN CREDITS AND EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR SUKARNO AREA POLICY OF ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE. OTHER STUDENTS ASKED POINTEDLY WHETHER BAPPENAS WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM MILITARY OR OTHERS TO POINT WHERE PLANNERS COULD NOT DO THEIR JOBS PROPERLY. LATER SAME DAY JAKARTA SECURITY AUTHORITIES (PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF KOPKAMTIB) ISSUED TELEVISION "APPEAL" TO STUDENTS TO STOP ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT LEAD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"NEGATIVE EXCESSES." KOPKAMTIB SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ACTIVITIES BY AD-HOC UNIVERSITY GROUPS "INQUIRING STUDENTS", "STUDENTS DEMAND", ETC, WHICH HE TERMED "UNDERSTANDABLE" COULD ATTRACT IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS LIKE USMAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

4. COMMENT: JULIUS USMAN IS PERENNIAL FIGURE ON INDONESIA PROTEST SCENE WHO WAS FIRST INSTALLED AS

ARMY-BACKED ISLAMIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADER IN 1966 BUT PROVED UNCONTROLLABLE. HE WAS BRIEFLY DETAINED AT TIME OF "MINI" INDONESIA PROTEST IN EARLY 1972 AND WAS MOST RECENTLY REPORTED TO BE PRACTICING LAW. ALTHOUGH WITHOUT ANY ORGANIZED FOLLOWING, HE IS A FLAMBOYANT CHARACTER WHOSE EMERGENCE DOES UNDERLINE DANGER THAT POLITE INTELLECTUAL PROTEST MAY BE PICKED UP AND GREATLY AMPLIFIED BY RADICALS OF DIFFERENT COLORATION. END COMMENT.

5. PUBLIC DEBATE OVER FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT CONTINUED WITH WIDELY PUBLICIZED FOUR HOUR PANEL DISCUSSION ON "GOOD AND BAD EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL" AT JAKARTA'S "CULTURAL HALL"(BALAI BUDAYA) WHICH ALTHOUGH CITY OWNED IS BEST KNOWN AS SITE OF PAST PROTEST MOVEMENTS. APNELISTS INCLUDING NOVELIST MOCHTAR LUBIS AND YOUNG BERKLEY TRAINED ECONOMIST DOROJATUN K YAKTI WHO DISCUSSED STATEMENT FROM FORMER VICE PRESIDENT MOHAMMED HATTA THAT FOREIGN CAPITAL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CREATE ECONOMIC COLONIALISM. WHILE THRUST OF DISCUSSION WAS NEGATIVE, SOME ATTENTION WAS ALSO DEVOTED TO EXAMPLES OF COUNTRIES LIKE SINGAPORE WHICH (IT WAS SAID) HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CONTROLLING AND PROFITTING FROM FOREIGN INVESTMENT. PARTICIPANTS CHEERED A SIXTY-WORD STATEMENT READ IN EMOTIONAL TONES BY UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA COED (AND FORMER USIS EMPLOYEE) SYLVIA GUNAWAN. STATEMENT WHICH WAS CIRCULATED AND SIGNED ON THE SPOT BY 155 INDONESIAN INTELLECTUALS, STUDENTS, ETC, CALLED FOR EFFORT TO RESTORE NATIONAL PRIDE(BUT DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL)

6. SOMMENT: SECURITY AUTHORITIES "APPEAL" TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDENTS NOT TO DEMONSTRATE IS IN ADDITION TO STANDING ANTI-DEMONSTRATION REGULATION. (IT IS DEBATABLE WHETHER ANY RECENT PROTEST ACTIONS CAN BE TERMED "DEMONSTRATIONS" SINCE (DESPITE SAUCY POSTERS) NONE HAVE BEEN DISORDERLY OR MUSTERED MORE THAN ABOUT FORTY ADHERENTS, WITH AVERAGE PARTICIPATION AROUND FIFTEEN.) FURTHER PROTEST ACTIVITIES LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK. GALBRAITH

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